

Joshua 18:21

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Now the cities of the tribe of the children of Benjamin according to their families were Jericho, and Beth-hoglah, and the valley of Keziz,

Analysis

Now the cities of the tribe of the children of Benjamin according to their families were Jericho—The city list begins with Jericho, Israel's first conquest. Though destroyed, it remained Benjamite territory. **Beth-hoglah** and **the valley of Keziz** follow. Cities define tribal inheritance—not just land but communities, infrastructure, and strategic locations.

Jericho's placement first emphasizes faith's victory. Every time Benjamites recited their city list, they remembered God's power. Heritage matters—rehearsing God's acts builds faith. The writer to Hebrews likewise recounts faith heroes (Hebrews 11) to inspire perseverance.

Historical Context

Jericho lay abandoned after Joshua's curse (Joshua 6:26), not rebuilt until Ahab's reign (1 Kings 16:34). Its inclusion shows Benjamites claimed the valuable agricultural land around the ruined city. Beth-hoglah served as an eastern border town.

Related Passages

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. What 'Jerichos' in your spiritual heritage remind you of God's miraculous interventions?
2. How can rehearsing past victories strengthen faith for present battles?

Interlinear Text

וְהָיוּ	הָעָרִים	לְמַטֵּה	בְּנֵי י	בִּנְיָמִן
H1961	Now the cities	of the tribe	of the children	of Benjamin
	H5892	H4294	H1121	H1144
לְמִשְׁפְּחוֹתֵיהֶם	וְיֵרִיחוֹ	וּבֵית	חֶגְלָה	וְעַמְקֵי
according to their families	were Jericho	H0	and Bethhoglah	and the valley
H4940	H3405		H1031	H6010
קֶצִיץ:				
of Keziz				
H7104				

Additional Cross-References

Joshua 18:12 (Parallel theme): And their border on the north side was from Jordan; and the border went up to the side of Jericho on the north side, and went up through the mountains westward; and the goings out thereof were at the wilderness of Beth-aven.